

# **2023 Klondike Derby Hunterdon Arrowhead District Information Sheet**

**Friday - Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**Leaders - do not bring scouts to this event that are unprepared and do not have the proper layered winter clothing and winter camping gear.**

**Summary:** The Klondike Derby is a challenging winter camping event in which patrols participate in competitive activity stations, prepare their meals outdoors, and camp in tents for one or two nights. The purpose of this event is to reinforce winter camping skills, scout skills and the patrol method. Scouts will participate in one of two levels of competition, Novice or Advanced, based on their average rank scores as explained on the patrol registration form. Any average score over 4.0 will move a patrol into the Advanced level of competition. Advanced level challenges could be more difficult than the novice level. Only scouts properly prepared and dressed for cold weather activities should attend this event. The outdoor competition takes place on Saturday during the day, with patrols pulling a sled from station to station. Points will be awarded based on the patrol's abilities and teamwork. **The sled competition and overnight camping are limited to Scouting BSA members only, due to the challenging nature of winter camping and the competitions.** This event takes place rain or shine and will only be cancelled if severe winter weather is being forecast for the area.

**Preparation:** The Klondike Derby can be a fun and memorable event for the Scouts, provided they stay warm and dry. Unit leaders are responsible to instruct all participants beforehand as to the proper clothing to wear and gear to bring when winter camping. Be prepared for the worst-case scenario, which would be a cold, driving rain all weekend long. Dressing in layers and a good pair of winter boots is mandatory at this event. **Scouts in sneakers, cotton jeans or cotton hooded sweatshirts should not be allowed to attend.** Campers should bring several pairs of non-cotton socks and an extra set of dry clothing layers. Unit leaders must limit participation to only those youth that are properly instructed and outfitted for the weather. For the Klondike Derby competition, patrols should practice knots, map and compass skills, fire building, first aid/rescue, and woods tools skills.

There are always several items turned into lost and found at this event. In order to help return lost items to their owner, all personal items, water bottles, hats, gloves, knives, mess kits, etc., should be permanently marked with the scout's name and troop number.

**Participation Items:** In order to participate, patrols must have a Klondike sled and use it to carry their items from station to station. Skis are permitted as sled runners. See attached list of recommended items

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for each patrol sled. **Each participant should bring AT LEAST two cans of soup** for the Klondike stew and for donation to the food pantry (no cream soups please). Patrols can earn 1 bonus point per extra can of soup (Up to 10 total bonus points).

- Patrols should plan to travel with high energy snacks and plenty of water.

**Location:** Memorial Park is located at 67 Bunnvale Rd, Califon, New Jersey. All camping and activities will take place outdoors in this county park.

Street address for GPS & on-line driving directions:

“Lebanon Township Memorial Park”

67 Bunnvale Rd, Califon, NJ 07830

**Check-in:** Scout Troops may send a limited number of scouts/leaders to set up their campsite on Friday afternoon. Troops may arrive for check-in **no earlier than 3:00 pm on Friday. Check-in will be at the Pavilion next to the playground.** Only the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader, or the leaders acting in their capacity, can check in their unit. Leaders should have their final registration numbers at check-in.

**Camping & Parking:** All troops will be camping in a designated assigned camping area. **Campsites will be pre-defined.** Each campsite should be identified with a Troop banner, sign or flag.

**PARKING OF TROOP TRAILERS AND VEHICLES MAY GET CHANGED AT ANYTIME!!!**

**PLEASE BE PREPARED TO HAUL GEAR IN WITH YOUR SLEDS!!**

Troop trailers may be able to park close to their troop area. This will be subject to weather conditions. **No additional vehicles will be allowed in the camping areas.** All other vehicles should drop off gear in the parking lot and park as directed. General parking and overflow vehicles will be directed to nearby sites for parking.

**PARK ROADS MUST REMAIN CLEAR FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES!**

Once inside the camp, a parking assistant will direct your troop to its campsite. **No** vehicles will be allowed to drive on the field unless approved by the event director (dependent upon the condition of the fields). *We encourage troops to use their sleds to get your gear to the sites!*

Secure all tents and tarps against high winds. Anticipate frozen or snow-covered ground - sturdy stakes and snow shovels are suggested.

No ground fires will be permitted on the grass fields. Plan to cook on raised stoves or barrels. Propane and fire/charcoal cooking is allowed. Troops are encouraged to bring firewood for their campsite fires. -

Please be considerate of you neighboring scouts once quiet time has arrived.

All participants at this event will be sleeping outdoors in a tent.

**Water:** The source of water during this event will be available next to the park at the firemen’s banquet hall. We will have specific times when the water access will be available. Times will be posted in the admin pavilion.

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It is very important to stay hydrated when winter camping. Encourage all your scouts to bring their water bottles and drink from them all day long. As your body dehydrates your blood thickens and it becomes harder for the heart to push through constricted blood vessels. Less circulation means colder hands and feet. Hot soup and cocoa are not the best for hydration, but they will warm you up.

**NOTE: There are no flames allowed in tents, including heaters or stoves even in tents designed for wood stoves.**

**Sanitation:** Secure all food and/or trash around your campsite. **“Pack it In – Pack it Out”**.

Troops are required to take their trash home from the weekend.

No trash disposal will be provided at camp.

**Sick Bay:** During the day on Saturday, the “Sick Bay” will be in the Admin Pavilion. Scouts suffering from cold or wet extremities or other non-life-threatening ailments will be treated there. If a scout cannot recover at Sick Bay, a troop leader will be asked to call his parents so he may be picked up and taken home. In the case of a life-threatening emergency, leaders should immediately use their cell phone to dial 911 and then send a runner to the Admin Pavilion to report the emergency to a staff member. In the case of minor injuries, scouts should be instructed to use their own first aid kits or go back to their campsite and use their troop’s first aid kit. Scouts should report all injuries to their Troop adult leader in charge.

**Prohibited Items:** The following items are strictly prohibited: real or toy firearms; sling shots; B-B guns; bows and arrows; “paint ball” guns; crossbows; real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons (except for pocketknives) or items which could be used as such; explosives; fireworks; model rockets; alcoholic beverages; narcotics; hazardous materials.

**Patrol Competition:** Patrols will participate with their Klondike sleds in activity stations throughout the day. Points will be awarded to the patrol at each station based on their success at completing the activity and teamwork.

**Troop adult leaders and other adults will be needed to “volunteer” to run an activity station. If they are not a participant, they may observe this competition, but otherwise must not interfere in any way.**

Patrols should plan to travel with high energy snacks and plenty of water. We will break for lunch.

Each patrol will receive a Patrol Passport, which will be marked with their score and initialed by the station volunteer. Remember, every point counts! Prizes will be given to top-scoring patrols in the Novice and Advanced categories. The Patrol Leader must hand in his patrol’s score sheet by the time given in the schedule. (2:30 PM) Late submittals will have points deducted.

**Sled Race:** The Great Sled race will be held in the large field to the east of “Nome” by the Judges’ tower or flagpole beginning at 3:15 sharp. The sled must carry one patrol member for the race which will be a “speed” event based on the separate Novice and Advanced classes. **It is recommended that the scout riding in the sled for the race wear a bicycle helmet.** The fastest three speeds in the preliminary races within each class will then have a “race off” for the winner. Details and sign-ups will be available at registration and the SM/SPL meeting.

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Race sleds should be fashioned to look like an Alaskan dog sled or “arctic sledge” and should be approx. 6’ long by 2’ wide. The sled MUST be at least 5’ in length. A minimum of 4” ground clearance is recommended. The sled should be large enough to carry all required equipment plus one scout. Sled may use skis as runners. There will be **NO WHEELS ALLOWED (Sorry – Think Snow !!)**.

A harness for pulling the sled by the scouts should be attached to the front of the sled. Ideally, looped ropes should come off a single main/trunk rope similar to the way in which branches on a tree come off a common trunk. Due to strangulation risk and the risk of being trapped under a run-away sled if a scout slips, ROPE LOOPS MUST NOT BE LARGER THAN A HAND HOLD (approx. 6-9” long) to assure that loops are not able to be placed over any scout’s neck or around a scout’s waist. Sleds should have a brake rope at the rear.

***Patrols must participate in at least 6 skill events to compete in the sled race. Patrol Passports must be handed in to the Admin Pavilion at 2:30 to verify the patrol’s qualification for the race.***

**Webelos Visitation:** Webelos dens are invited to attend for the day and to partner with a Boy Scout troop. Please dress appropriately and bring one can of non-cream-based soup for the soup station. Klondike stew will be available. Be sure to bring water to drink, a nutritious lunch and high protein snacks. Webelos scouts/dens are welcome to stay for the sled race which begins at 3:00PM. Webelos scouts/dens staying after the sled race for dinner and/or the campfire must be guests of a Scout Troop. **Webelos Scouts are not authorized to camp overnight.** Webelos patrols should feel free to bring a plastic or borrowed sled to carry their day packs and supplies on.

**Awards Ceremony:** Awards will be handed out at the conclusion of The Great Sled Race.

**Check-Out:** Troops are expected to fully clean their camping area and depart camp by 10:30 am on Sunday.

**Refund & Returned Check Policy:**

Sorry, no refunds after January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Returned checks will be charged \$25.00 plus any bank fees.

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## ***Klondike 2023– Hunterdon ArrowHead District***

### **Recommended Items for Each Patrol Sled**

**Please Note: No Wheels allowed on sleds – sorry “old school”**

1. Patrol Flag/Patrol Cheer
  2. Compass / Clipboard / Paper / Pen
  3. Klondike Patrol Passport
  4. First Aid Supplies (to include cravats, splints, bandages, etc.)
  5. Hand Axe w/ sheath
  6. Bow saw with sheath
  7. At least one watch per patrol
  8. At least 60 feet of lashing rope, lashing twine
  9. Pocket Knives (min. of 2 per patrol). **Must also have Totin Chip present for anyone with a knife.**
  10. 1 Small Mess Kit Cooking Pot (w/ hanging handle)
  11. Roll of Toilet Paper (kept dry)
  12. 1 small box of matches w/ striker (kept dry)
  13. Enough kindling to start a small fire  
(Flint & Steel as an alternate to Matches)
  14. 3 Long Poles (at least 6' long)
  15. 1 full-size blanket
  16. Water bottles for each patrol member
  17. Soup- 2 cans/ Scout in Patrol required for Klondike Stew  
\* 1 Bonus point for each additional can to a maximum of bonus of 10.
  18. Scout Handbook (Any version is acceptable)
  19. Klondike Sled (see sled guidelines under “Sled Race”)
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## **2023 KLONDIKE DERBY SCHEDULE**

*Lebanon Township Memorial Park*

### **FRIDAY, January 27th**

3:00 – 10:00 PM Camp open for campsite set-up  
5:00 – 9:30 PM Troop & Patrol Registration  
8:30 PM Troop Leader Mtg (SM, SPLs & Station POCs) @ the Admin Pavilion  
Judges Review & Briefing  
10:30 PM Lights out – Quiet in camp

### **SATURDAY, January 28th**

7:00 - 8:30 Saturday Arrival Troop & Patrol Registration  
8:45 Flag Ceremony and Announcements (Parade Field)  
9:00 – 11:30 Klondike Derby Challenge (throughout Memorial Park)  
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch at Troop Campsite  
12:30 – 3:00 Klondike Derby Challenge (Continues)  
3:15 – 4:30 **The Great Klondike Sled Race** (Parade/Baseball Field)  
  
4:15 Sled Race Finals – 3 fastest Novices, 3 fastest Advanced  
4:30 PM Dinner Preparations  
5:00 PM Retire the Color  
10:30 PM Lights Out & Quiet Time

### **SUNDAY, January 29th**

9:30 - 10:30 AM Depart for home

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## *Hunterdon Arrowhead District*

**NOTES:** Each Scout patrol can earn a maximum of 50 points per Event Station. The Station leaders determine how to assign the points. Station leaders are encouraged to base the points awarded on Patrol Spirit, Sled preparedness, skills knowledge, and teamwork.

<b>Checkpoint -</b>	<b>Activity (Note- station volunteers may change)</b>
1. Nome -	Sled Inspection/Scoring/Rules (Troop 92) Troop 92- Klondike Stew *Scouts requested to donate cans for the Food Pantry
2. Kaltag -	Knots and Pioneering (Troop 191)
3. White Mountain -	Lumber Jack – 2-man saw Log Cut (Troop 187/251)
4. Talkeetna -	Team Smoosh (Troop 62)
5. Grand Teton-	Communications (Troop 200)
6. Finger Lake -	Ice Rescue (Troop 108)
7. Rainy Pass -	Compass/Orienteering (Troop 186G)
8. Willow -	Patrol Team Building (Troop 92)
9. Anchorage -	Stretcher Race (Troop 92)
10. Ruby -	Fire Building (Troop 112)
11. Cripple Creek -	First Aid Scenario (Troop 288)

Bonus points available at sled inspection site for additional soup.

**Bring Scout Spirit!! Have Fun!! Dress appropriately for the weather!! Be Prepared!!**

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